



What do marine engine mechanics do?

Marine engine mechanics work with engines of small boats. They repair, replace, and maintain outboard motors, stern drives, marine equipment, and motors for recreational vehicle pumps and generators.

"I have a great job because each day brings new challenges. No two boats are the same, so each repair or maintenance job requires an individual approach to make each boat run at its best."

Stan Messenger, certified marine engine mechanic



The outlook for work as a marine engine mechanic

The recreational boating industry is highly competitive and sensitive to changes in the economy. Ontario is the centre for recreational boating in Canada, and the strength of the local tourism industry is an important factor in the number of jobs available for maintaining recreational boats and personal marine craft.

QUICK FACTS ON APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING FOR A MARINE ENGINE MECHANIC

Length of time to train	Three years
Courses and skills that can help you prepare for a career as a marine engine mechanic	Math, sciences, communication skills, and a mechanical aptitude
Salary range for apprentices and skilled marine engine mechanics (overtime and bonuses not included)	\$20,000 to \$55,000

Changing technology requires marine engine mechanics to keep their skills and learning up to date.

Apprenticeship training

Apprenticeship is hands-on training for people who enjoy learning by doing. The training provides access to well-paying jobs that demand a high level of skills, judgement, and creativity. Apprentices are paid while gaining work experience, and their wages increase with their level of skills.

About 90 per cent of apprenticeship training occurs in the workplace and is provided by employers or sponsors who train apprentices to standards of skill and safety that are set by industry. The remainder of the training involves classroom instruction on theory, which is usually given at a local community college or provided by another approved training organization.

To become an apprentice marine engine mechanic, an applicant must find an employer who is willing to train. Such jobs are rarely advertised, and, instead, employers often rely on word of mouth to attract applicants. People who want to become apprentices usually apply directly to an employer, union, or local apprenticeship committee.

Skilled workers who have received their training in Ontario can work anywhere in the province. Agreements among the provinces and territories allow certified skilled workers in certain trades to work anywhere in Canada. Training consultants at ministry apprenticeship offices can provide more information.

For more information

If you have a question about becoming an apprentice marine engine mechanic, call the Ontario government's Training Hotline at **1-888-JOB-GROW**. In Toronto, call **(416) 326-5656**.

If you are in high school, talk to your guidance counsellor. If you are in college or university, contact your campus placement office for help.

To find out about careers as a marine engine mechanic, check out Career Gateway at www.youthjobs.gov.on.ca.

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WHAT APPRENTICES AND SKILLED WORKERS SAY ABOUT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

Apprenticeship training is relevant to the job I do now.	81 per cent
If faced with the same decision, I would choose to take apprenticeship training again.	85 per cent

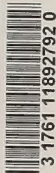
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